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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Puetnitz Airfield

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1. [REDACTED] was stationed at Puetnitz airfield in early December 1953 and that the commanding officer of the unit was Colonel Lernikov(fnu). This unit was allotted funds for the construction of garages.<sup>1</sup> 25X1C

2. On 4 December, a total of 25 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at various dispersal areas at the field. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., there was individual flying and flying by elements of twos. The weather was cloudless. On 12 December, no flying was observed at the field. There was ground fog. On 13 December, only an alert flight of 4 aircraft was seen at the field. Between 9:30 a.m. and noon on 14 December, individual flying and firing at sleeve targets was practiced.<sup>2</sup> During air activity, the Token-type radar set was in operation.<sup>3</sup> 25X1A

3. One troop train each was unloaded at Damgarten railroad station between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and during the noon hours on 26 December. [REDACTED] 25X1B

[REDACTED] About 40 trucks occupied by personnel were observed proceeding from Damgarten to the airfield. One train was shunted to the field.<sup>4</sup> 25X1B

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25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Colonel Lernikov is reported for the first time. [REDACTED] belongs to the OATB of a fighter regiment in Puetnitz. 25X1B

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Two fighter regiments including the former Soviet instruction regiment of the VPL (Aeroclub) are believed to be stationed at Puetnitz airfield.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. The existence of a Token-type radar set is confirmed. The set is located about 500 meters east of Koeppenberg (hill).

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4.  Comment. In conjunction with a previous report, it appears possible that Neubrandenburg is being vacated. The fighter regiment stationed there is probably being transferred to Puetnitz. The former Soviet instruction regiment of the VPL (Aeroclub) will probably be retransferred to its previous post at Parchim after completion of construction work there.

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